

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 806

By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lionel Cartwright for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Lionel Cartwright; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Virginia, Mr. Cartwright moved to Tennessee in pursuit of a career in the music industry. His immense musical talents earned him a contract with MCA Records and led to several country music hits; and

WHEREAS, utilizing his diverse musical abilities, Lionel Cartwright worked as a composer for such diverse film and television projects as the score for a Public Broadcasting Service documentary and the theme song for Rachel Ray's *30 Minute Meals*; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious beliefs as an active member of Bellevue Community Church, which he has served since 1991 as a worship leader, member of the Elder Board, and Music Director; and

WHEREAS, helping the church to maintain the vision of hope upon which it was founded, Lionel Cartwright's steadfast leadership, unswerving commitment, and noteworthy integrity were crucial to the solidification and stabilization of the Bellevue Community Church congregation when it weathered a controversial period of ministerial transition; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep faith, Mr. Cartwright plies his considerable musical talents to perform God's work and spread the message of salvation, as he often composes masterpieces that transform common gatherings into true celebrations of the glory of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, in evidence of his staunch support of the American men and women of our military forces that have sacrificed for the protection and freedom of our country, Lionel Cartwright annually directs and performs in his church's Fourth of July celebration; and

WHEREAS, through the Bellevue Community Church's service projects, Mr. Cartwright has been involved with charitable organizations such as Souls for Souls, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Nashville Rescue Mission; and

WHEREAS, Lionel Cartwright further contributes his time and numerous talents as a volunteer for many public school functions, reading to elementary school students, playing music for classes and large events, and recording student concerts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-three years, Cindy Cartwright, and their children, Mason and Isabel; and

WHEREAS, Lionel Cartwright is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Cartwright for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor, commend, and thank Lionel Cartwright for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.